JOHN SMITH

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governour of Maryland And to the Honourable the Uper and Lower Houses of Assembly

The petition of John Smith a languishing prisoner in Cecil County goal Humbly Sheweth

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That your Petitioner hath been a long time Confin'd in the Goal aforesaid for Debt, by which he is rendered unable not only to Satisfy Black Book his Creditors, But also to provide for the Support of himself and Family and is really an object of your Compassion

> Your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays you would take his Melancholy Case into Consideration and Pass such an Act for his Relief, as to your Honours in your great Wisdom shall seem meet and your Petitioner as in duty Bound will ever pray &c

> > Tohn Smith

We the subscribers Justices of Cecil County Court are Credibly informed that the Allegations in the above petition are true and recommend him to your Honours Compassion

> Elihu Hall Nich.º Hyland And: Pearce B Moody Beni: Chew Geo: Catto

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Notice is hereby Given that I intend to apply to the next General Assembly (being Confin'd in Cecil County Goal) for Relief

John Smith

March 27.th 1762

Cæcil County in Maryland

These are to Certifie all whom it doth shall or may concern that the Original Writing whereof the above is a true Copy was affixed to the front Door of the Public Court House upon Elk River in Cecil County aforesaid this twenty seventh Day of March in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred sixty and two

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Public Seal of Cecil County aforesaid the Day and Year last abovementioned

Francis Key Clk of Cæcil Coty afd